

only 21,000 survived to return to the U.S. at the end of the war. Of the 1,800 men deployed in New Mexico's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments, fewer than 900 returned to the United States after the three and a half years of captivity.

Today, the men forced to perform slave labor in the Japanese corporations still await their just and overdue compensation and recognition for the labor performed. Recently, however, a California law was enacted that enables these men to seek damages up to the year 2010 against responsible Japanese companies. Seventeen lawsuits have been filed on behalf of former POWs, but their claims are currently pending in the California State court system and have been since they were filed in 1999.

Over the past few years, the U.S. government has helped facilitate the resolution of claims for thousands of individuals who were forced to perform slave labor for German companies during World War II. However, the U.S. State Department and the Department of Justice have been opposing, rather than supporting, the claims of the U.S. POWs who were forced to perform slave labor in Japan.

I am a cosponsor and strongly support the important legislation introduced by several Members present at this special order today, H.R. 1198. "The Justice for U.S. POWs Act of 2001," will allow POW suits against Japanese companies to go forward without interference from the Department of State. This legislation has broad bipartisan support and I am hopeful that we can soon bring this legislation before the full House for consideration to help bring compensation and recognition for the hardship these POWs endured at the hands of their captors.

Finally, I would like to invite my colleagues here as well as anyone else to visit the recently dedicated Bataan Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This touching memorial is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by both the living and the dead for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Again, thank you Mr. HONDA for organizing this special order. I look forward to working with you further to bring H.R. 1198 to the floor for passage.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROSS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. ROSS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. BISHOP) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.
 The following Members (at the request of Mrs. BIGGERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, July 18.
 Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. BISHOP) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.
 The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 997. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research, monitoring, management, treatment, and outreach activities relating to sudden oak death syndrome and to establish a Sudden Oak Death Syndrome Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Agriculture.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 87. A joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

H.R. 2362. An act to establish the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission.

H.R. 3971. An act to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 12, 2002, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7827. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Increase in the Minimum Size Requirement for Area No. 2 [Docket No. FV02-948-1 FR] received June 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7828. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-916-2 IFR] received June 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7829. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Addition of a New Varietal Type and Quality Requirements for Other Seedless-Sulfured Raisins [Docket No. FV02-989-1-IFR] received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7830. A letter from the Administrator, Cotton Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of User Fees for 2002 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [Docket No. CN-02-001] (RIN: 0581-AC04) received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7831. A letter from the Administrator, Cotton Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports, (2002 Amendments) [Docket No. CN-02-002] received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7832. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Government of the District of Columbia, transmitting a report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act by the District of Columbia, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

7833. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the Department of the Navy's multiyear procurement for F/A-18E/F aircraft engines for fiscal year 2002 through FY 2006, as authorized in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2002 (P.L. 107-117) and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7834. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Sodium Copper Chlorophyllin [Docket No. 00C-0929] received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7835. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Status of Certain Additional Over-the-Counter Drug Category II and III Active Ingredients [Docket No. 80N-0280] (RIN: 0910-AA01) received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7836. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Additives: Food Contact Substance Notification System [Docket No. 99N-5556] (RIN: 0910-AB94) received June 20, 2002, pursuant to